HB 1568 -- Safe Place for Newborns Act

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Currently, under the Safe Place for Newborns Act of 2002, a parent may voluntarily relinquish a newborn up to five days after the child's birth by safely delivering physical custody of the baby to certain persons without being prosecuted for child abandonment. This bill increases that time period to up to 60 days after birth.

No parent voluntarily relinquishing a child will be required to release any identifying information about the child or parent. No officer, employee, or agent of this state or any political subdivision can attempt to locate or determine the identity of a parent or disclose identifying information except in certain cases.